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TO: Each Health Deputy

FROM: Jonathan E. Fielding, M.D., M.P.H.  
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**SUBJECT: NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO RELEASE A REQUEST FOR APPLICATIONS  
FOR CONTINUED CERTIFIED NEEDLE EXCHANGE SERVICES**

This is to advise you that the Department of Public Health (DPH) is preparing to release a limited application for continued certified needle exchange services in certification in underserved areas of Los Angeles County. A total of \$500,000 in Tobacco Master Settlement Funds will be available through June 30, 2010.

Previous providers of Los Angeles County Certified Needle Exchange Program (NEP) services will be invited to complete and submit an application and work plan to continue NEP services during the 2009-2010 fiscal year. Applications will be accepted from the following Certified Needle Exchange Program providers: Asian American Drug Assistance Program ("AADAP"), Bienestar Human Services, Public Health Foundation/Clean Needles Now ("CNN"), Common Ground, and Tarzana Treatment Center ("TTC").

The application is scheduled to be released on or about December 15, 2009.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please let me know. You may also contact Anna Long, Ph.D., M.P.H., Chief of Staff at (213) 240-8036.

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